

AN ACT

relating to a defendant's obligation to pay a fine or court cost after the expiration of a period of community supervision.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 11, Article 42.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b-1) A defendant's obligation to pay a fine or court cost as ordered by a judge exists independently of any requirement to pay the fine or court cost as a condition of the defendant's community supervision. A defendant remains obligated to pay any unpaid fine or court cost after the expiration of the defendant's period of community supervision.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

S.B. No. 391

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 391 passed the Senate on March 13, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 391 passed the House on May 20, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, two present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor